

1. (Amended) A targeted elastic laminate material, comprising:
at least one low tension zone, the low tension zone including a plurality of elastomeric first filaments, the low tension zone having a first basis weight;
at least one high tension zone, the high tension zone including a plurality of elastomeric second filaments, the high tension zone having a second basis weight higher than the first basis weight;
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a first facing layer bonded to a first side of the low tension zone and a first side of the high tension zone;
a second facing layer bonded to a second side of the low tension zone and a second side of the high tension zone; and
a barrier layer positioned between at least a portion of each of the first and second facing layers.

25. (Amended) A method of producing a targeted elastic laminate material, comprising the steps of:
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extruding a plurality of elastomeric first filaments from a plurality of spinning holes in at least one first spin plate region;
extruding a plurality of elastomeric second filaments from a plurality of spinning holes in at least one second spin plate region, the second filaments having a greater basis weight than a basis weight of the first filaments;
cooling the first and second filaments;
stretching the first and second filaments, such that the first filaments are stretched by a different amount than the second filaments;
forming a laminate material by adhering the stretched first and second filaments to a first facing material and an opposing second facing material; and
relaxing the laminate material.

38. (Amended) A method of producing a targeted elastic laminate material, comprising the steps of:

extruding a plurality of elastomeric first filaments from a first spinning system having at least one first die, the first die having at least one spin plate region with a plurality of first spinning holes;

extruding a plurality of elastomeric second filaments from a second spinning system having at least one second die, the second die having at least one spin plate region with a plurality of second spinning holes, the second filaments having a greater basis weight than a basis weight of the first filaments;

cooling the first and second filaments;

stretching the first and second filaments, such that the first filaments are stretched by a different amount than the second filaments;

forming a laminate material by adhering the stretched first and second filaments to a first facing material and an opposing second facing material; and

relaxing the laminate material.

49. (Amended) A disposable garment comprising a targeted elastic laminate material, the targeted elastic laminate material comprising:

at least one low tension zone, the low tension zone having a plurality of elastomeric first filaments, the first filaments having a first basis weight;

at least one high tension zone, the high tension zone having a plurality of elastomeric second filaments, the second filaments having a second basis weight higher than the first basis weight;

a first facing material bonded to a first side of the low tension zone and a first side of the high tension zone;

a second facing material bonded to a second side of the low tension zone and a second side of the high tension zone; and

a barrier layer positioned between at least a portion of each of the first and second facing materials.

Please add the following new Claims.

59. (New) The targeted elastic laminate material of Claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is positioned between layers including one of elastomeric first filaments, elastomeric second filaments, and combinations thereof.

60. (New) The disposable garment of Claim 49, wherein the barrier layer is positioned between layers including one of elastomeric first filaments, elastomeric second filaments, and combinations thereof.

There is no additional fee for this Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed and the total number of claims is less than originally filed.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. Currently, Claims 1-58 are pending.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to further recite a second facing layer (from canceled Claim 17) and a barrier layer between at least a portion of each of the first and second facing layers. Support for this Amendment can be found on page 15, lines 10-14, of Applicants' specification.

Applicants have amended Claim 25 by incorporating limitations from canceled Claim 27.

Applicants have amended Claim 38 to further recite that the first filaments are stretched by a different amount than the second filaments. Support for this Amendment is found on page 27, lines 13-17.

Applicants have amended Claim 49 to further recite a second facing layer and a barrier layer between at least a portion of each of the first and second